

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee:

- I OPPOSE S.B. 16: An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime.

This bill will not address juvenile crime, it just makes common hunting/sporting firearms illegal. Years ago, juveniles had access to guns, yet there were no "School / Mass Shootings". Guns obviously weren't the problem - and they still aren't. So, we must yet again defend what is guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.

Banning guns at places/events makes no one safer - criminals don't follow laws. Adam Lanza wasn't deterred by a "Gun-Free" zone!! No others will be. Those zones invite criminals and psychopaths - where their safety is assured. They FEAR other's guns!!

Registration does not reduce crime, and criminals will build forbidden guns!! How else would they get them? Where there's a will, there's a way – laws don't deter criminals.

With no reasonable suspicion of crime, Stop & Identify laws are merely harassment.

This bill is morally and constitutionally abhorrent. It should not even be considered. It is a travesty of justice and an insult to law-abiding citizens.

- I also OPPOSE H.B. 5416: An Act Concerning Bulk Purchases of Pistols and Revolvers. Purchasing two firearms at once is not Bulk buying or Dangerous.

- I SUPPORT H.B. 5412: An Act Concerning the Duty to Retreat in a Religious House of Worship. That decision is the minister's and congregation's - not the state!!

- I also SUPPORT S.B. No. 388: An Act Concerning the Defense of a Person or a Person's Dwelling, Place of Work or Motor Vehicle.

This is common sense under the natural law of self-preservation.

A century ago, my immigrant parents believed in the American dream of "Freedom". Today my family votes for, supports and promotes Bill of Rights issues - including those concerning the 2nd Amendment.

- Sincerely,
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